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SUBJ: DISCLOSURE OF EFFORTS BY TELFORD TAYLOR TO APPEAL

COVICTIONS OF SOVIET JEWS

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1. ISRAELI PRESS APRIL 8 CARRIED STORY OF SECRET EFFORTS BY
PROFESSOR TELFORD TAYLOR AND GROUP OF U.S. LAW PROFESSORS
TO APPEAL COVICTION OF SOVIET JEWS ON GROUNDS THAT JAIL
SENTENCES WERE IN VIOLATION OF SOVIET LAW.

2. PRESS ATTRIBUTED STORY TO ZALMAN ABRAMOV, MEMBER OF
KNESSET AND HEAD OF PUBLIC COUNCIL FOR SOVIET JEWRY, WHO
REPORTEDLY SAID THAT TAYLOR'S WORK HAD BEEN KEPT SECRET
IN HOPE THAT RUSSIANS MIGHT BE RESPONSIVE IF THE TEAM DID
NOT MAKE ITS WORK PUBLIC. HOWEVER, ACCORDING STORY AS
APPEARED JERUSALEM POST, RUSSIANS DID NOT TAKE ANY ACTION
ON BASIS OF DOCUMENTS PRESENTED TO THEM, AND PROFESSOR
TAYLOR DECIDED TO BRING THE FACTS BEFORE " THE COURT OF
WORLD OPINION."

3. PRESS ACCOUNTS GAVE BACKGROUND TO EFFORTS BY TAYLOR AND
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COLLEAGUES IN COLLECTING INFORMATION ON ARREST AND CON-

VICTION OF SOVIET JEWS, UNSUCCESSFUL MEETINGS WITH SOVIET UNION PROCURATOR ROMAN RUDENKO TO ARRANGE LEGAL APPEALS, AND EXAMPLES OF ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS WHICH TAYLOR DESCRIBED AS " WHOLLY CONTRIVED AND CONCOCTED."

4. REFTEL PROVIDED ACCOUNT OF VISIT BY TAYLOR TO EMBASSY WELL BEFORE HIS EFFORTS WERE MADE PUBLIC.
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